

CITY COUNCIL

**February 13, 2017,
DeQuincy, LA**

The city council of the city of DeQuincy met in regular session on the above date in the city hall council chambers located at 300 Holly Street, DeQuincy, Louisiana, with the following members present: Andrea Coleman, Ronda Jacobs, Mark Peloquin, Judy Landry, and Denise Maddox. Absent: None.

Chairman, Denise Maddox, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Henagan gave the invocation and Mark Peloquin led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made by Mark Peloquin and seconded by Andrea Coleman to approve the January 9, 2017 regular session minutes. Without objection the motion carried.

Fire Chief Johnny Copeland reported there were three (3) runs for the month of January 2017.

Chief Suchanek gave the police report. The bonds and fines totaled \$31,242.50 for the month of January 2017.

Eddy Dahlquist gave the public works report. The crew killed three (3) service lines and added one (1), replaced three (3) driveways, cleaned curbs and gutters and filled potholes. The crew has also started mowing the baseball complex.

CITY REPORTS GIVEN BY MAYOR HENAGAN

- The Mid-Winter Conference was held on February 6 and 7 and Council member Ronda Jacobs, City Clerk, Pat Brummett, City Planner Mary Jo Bayles and myself attended.
- The City received a donation this week from Chennault and instead of getting the \$100,000.00 donation as expected, we received \$200,000.00 to use at our airport.
- The new swings came in and have been set up at the Railroad Museum and the Grand Avenue Gym Park. We have ordered 80 yards of mulch, which we will use to put around the swings and playgrounds.
- Denise Maddox and I had a meeting last week with the Grand Avenue Board and they presented a proposal, which will be present to the council in the near future. The board wants to have a town hall meeting first and after that meeting, in which the council will be invited, they will present a proposal to the council.
- We have had several issues with delinquent occupational licenses and it has been suggested the delinquent account be discussed at the council meetings. Council action is needed in order to take an additional step to enforce payment of occupational licenses.

Judy Landry made a motion to approve the February 13, 2017 agenda and Mark Peloquin seconded the motion. Without objection, the motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Items not on the agenda.

- Shara Garner discussed with the council a problem she is having with a city culvert that runs under her rental property on Yoakum Street. She handed out pictures of the property and asked that the council advise what the city can do to secure the 6 foot hole so a child doesn't fall in. She also asked if something could be done to prevent further erosion of her property.
- Bridget Payne asked about a light out on the corner of Washington Street and East Street. She also asked about the outcome of the meeting with Andrea Coleman, Mayor Henagan and DOTD representatives. Mayor Henagan explained he received a phone call from Todd Landry, the Regional Director of DOTD, and was advised he spoke with the Baton Rouge office and they are trying to formulate a plan as to what they can do. He believes they will move the 35 mph speed limit further south on Hwy. 27 and put up more advance warning signs of the reduced speed limit. They are still discussing possibly putting down rumble strips farther south on Hwy. 27 in the curve, where several bad wrecks have occurred in the last year, but he will have to get back to us after it is discussed with their legal department. Andrea also added she felt the meeting was very non-productive and that they were not listening to the concerns of DeQuincy.

- Viney Silas advised the council there is a building on property located behind her church on 233 Jefferson Street that needs to be torn down. She asked that the city contact the owner and ask that they tear down the house. Ms. Silas also advised she previously had a problem with the sewer line on her property at 233 Jefferson Street and that she is again having property. It appears to be sinking again.
- Preston Chenier addressed the council again about the continuing sewer problems they are having on Booker, Allen and East Street.

Items on the agenda:

- None

Sharmita Rideau spoke to the council about an exercise program, the Keep it Simple Saints (KISS) Program, she has started at Evergreen Baptist Church. Evergreen Baptist Church of DeQuincy is partnering with the KISS project to promote a healthier life style, one day at a time. The program will have a meet and greet next Monday, February 20, and the classes will begin on February 27 at 6:00 p.m.

A public hearing was held regarding the adoption of an ordinance to amend the FYE 9/30/16 budget. There was no public input and the public hearing was closed. A motion was made by Andrea Coleman and seconded by Judy Landry to adopt an ordinance amending the FYE 9/30/16 budget. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None.

A motion was made by Andrea Coleman and seconded by Ronda Jacobs to authorize Mayor Henagan to sign a Lease and Joint Services Agreement with the Calcasieu Parish School Board. Motion carried as follows: Yeas: Judy Landry, Denise Maddox, Andrea Coleman, Mark Peloquin and Ronda Jacobs. Nays: None. Absent: None.

COUNCIL CONCERNS

Judy Landry had no council concerns this month.

Andrea Coleman had no council concerns this month.

Mark Peloquin asked if anyone from Dixie Youth had contacted the city about the upcoming Dixie Youth baseball season. The Mayor advised they want to meet with the city next week. They also want to know about portable bleachers and the picnic tables they used last year.

Ronda Jacobs asked that Mike Suchanek give the council the step-by-step procedure on a red tag, which he did. She also advised the council there is a light out at the skate park on the east side.

Denise Maddox mentioned a matter that took place over by the water tower and again thanked the Mayor and city for promptly taking care of the matter. A constituent who wanted to sell the city a right of way on the property on Brantley Street also contacted Mrs. Maddox. This may come before the council next month.

Andrea Coleman made a motion to adjourn and Mark Peolquin seconded the motion.

ATTEST: _____	APPROVED: _____
Pat Brummett City Council Clerk	Lawrence Henagan Mayor

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN: _____
Denise Maddox Council Chairman

